

# Covenant for In-Person Worship at Peace Lutheran Church

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and have restricted the gathering of groups of people. Peace Lutheran Church has put in place preventive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that you or your family members will not become infected with COVID-19.

**By participating in worship in person at Peace Lutheran Church, you agree to the following:**

On behalf of yourself and your family, you hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Peace Lutheran Church, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to your participation in our programs, services or activities. You understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of this organization, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any such gathering.

You also agree to abide by the following guidelines for in-person worship:

- Prior to entering the sanctuary, provide attestation that:
  1. you have not had any of the following symptoms (that are not caused by another condition) in the past 24 hours: fever (100.4) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, unusual fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, recent loss of taste of smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea;
  2. you have not been in close contact (within 6 ft for 15 minutes or longer) with anyone with confirmed COVID-19;
  3. you have not had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days, or are awaiting results of a COVID-19 test; and
  4. within the past 14 days, a public health or medical professional has not told you to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19
- Adhere to restricted occupancy (52 persons max in the sanctuary, excluding worship leaders, volunteers)
- Wear a face covering over nose and mouth at all times
- Refrain from physical contact with other participants
- Maintain 6 feet of distance between participants when moving through the building and when seated in the section not requiring proof of vaccination
- Refrain from consuming food or beverages (other than Holy Communion)
- Print your name legibly, sign, and provide contact information on the Welcome to Worship form at every service.
- If you become symptomatic following worship, get tested for COVID-19; in the case of a positive test result, notify the church as soon as possible

*Refusal on the part of any participant to abide by these guidelines may result in exclusion from in-person worship.*